

## DEEDS OF HEROISM

Cited by Rev. C. B. Austin in his Sunday Evening Discourse

## ON THE 'ELEMENTS OF HEROISM'

THE SINKING OF THE MERRIMAC BY HOBSON AND HIS MEN TERMED THE PINNACLE OF HEROISM, AND WILL LIVE AS LONG AS AMERICAN HISTORY. THE SELF-SACRIFICING SPIRIT OF FAMOUS PHILANTHROPISTS LAUDED, AND A THOUGHTFUL LESSON ADVANCED.

One of the largest congregations for some time last night listened to a sermon on "The Elements of Heroism," at the Vance Memorial church, by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Austin. Nearly every pew in the pretty little church was taken, many of the congregation having come out from the city on the 8 o'clock motor. The song service was especially good.

Rev. Mr. Austin prefaced his discourse by dwelling on the love of life, and the struggle all make rather than to die. Life is sweet, he said, but not all of life is to love, nor all of death to die. The speaker next dwelt on the law of self-sacrifice, and said that self-sacrifice is oblivious to pain and sorrow. Heroism begins in the brute creation, and the speaker gave as an illustration, the fight in self defense of the lioness for her cubs, and unselfish of her own injuries in her desire to protect her offspring.

There is in man the same spirit of self-sacrifice. Heroism always insists in having some object. A deed with no object but daring is not heroism. He who leaps from the Brooklyn bridge shows daring, foolishness or nerve, and the sacrifice is foolish, and there is properly a law against such acts.

These thoughts, said Rev. Mr. Austin, were suggested by recent events, and he had come to the conclusion that heroism is common, though not common in the sense of being cheap, but of the kind that is to be glorified by reason of its attainment. The hero is the man of moral character, who finds himself equal to the occasion like brave John Maynard, the Lake Erie pilot, who stuck to the helm until his ship was beached, losing his life that one hundred others might be saved. And there was Hobson with his seven brave men who sunk the Merrimac amid perils of magnitude. There were hours for reflection between the conception and the fulfillment of their plans, yet these American sailors did not flinch. In his graphic account of the memorable deed at Santiago harbor, Rev. Mr. Austin said it would always live in American history; it was the pinnacle of heroism in the time of danger. Such an example will act as an offset to many a coward to those who falter, or are tempted.

Among other illustrations the speaker cited the self-sacrifice of the rector in a village close to London, during the plague in 1665. The first impulse of the villagers was to flee when the plague made its appearance. The rector said they would thus spread the disease to other towns; so they stayed at home, and after seven months of darkness until the disease had spent itself, there were fifty-five inhabitants remaining out of 350, the rest having died. Other heroes were John Howard, who spent his life cheering and helping inmates of prisons; and Mrs. Fry, who in a similar way told the story of the cross in cells and dungeons.

And there is a class in humbler life, continued Rev. Mr. Austin, composed of heroes. They are those who do the commonplace—the simple service for which there is no applause, no return save the approving conscience through the sense of duty and faith in God. After speaking along this line at some length, the speaker enumerated the elements of heroism as follows: Danger, self denial, and service.

The speaker concluded by citing as the great example of a hero, Christ, and he urged the practice of self denial to become a moral hero.

## AT ZANE STREET CHURCH.

Sermon on John the Baptist—Contributions of Singing Books.

At the morning service at Zane Street Methodist Episcopal church, the pastor, Rev. B. B. Evans, preached on the life of John the Baptist, the prophecy before his birth, Zacharias becoming dumb and the restoration of his speech in an effort to praise God for the gift of a son, John's stay in the wilderness, his studious nature, his preachings in relation to the life of Christ and the death of John. His end, Mr. Evans said, might be taken to indicate that his life was a failure, but he gave several illustrations to show that all things were for the best, even though they may not appear so.

Among announcements from the pulpit, Mr. Evans said the boys at Charleston, W. Va., were without singing books and that the congregation of Zane Street church would co-operate with two other congregations in filling a large box (placed at McLean's pharmacy) with song books and send it to the boys this week. He remarked that a Bible or a song book could save a man's life to more ways than one. If nothing prevents, Mr. Evans himself, will take the books to Charleston.

## THE REASONS

For Abandoning the Reunion Set Forth by Captain Rawling.

Captain C. J. Rawling, chairman of the executive committee of the chamber of commerce, having in charge the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, has written the following letter to the members of the society, setting forth the reasons for calling off the reunion this year. It is as follows:

WHEELING, July 25, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Society of the Army of West Virginia:

"Friends and Comrades:—At our reunion in Columbus last September, an invitation was extended by the people of this city, through the chamber of commerce, to be under its auspices, to the society, to meet in this city in September of this year, our people guaranteeing at the same time treatment to all our visitors and facilities for getting here equal to those afforded at Columbus, etc.

The invitation was accepted by the society. In the spring important committees were selected, and the preliminary arrangements looking to a large attendance, entered into by these committees.

The transportation committee, securing the endorsement of the local railroad agents, applied for a rate of one cent a mile, being the rate granted to many associations of the same character. Indeed, this rate and much lower, has become very common about here. In the course of a few weeks information was received, unofficially, that the rate applied for had been granted by the Railroad Joint Passenger Committee. Upon this understanding the transportation committee went to work and

very soon secured ample funds to carry out all our proposed arrangements to give our visitors a pleasant and enjoyable time by completing a programme that would, we think, establish a record for the meeting. After this, and while the circular letter of invitation was being prepared, we were officially informed that the railroad committee, composed of representatives of eastern and western lines, to whom was referred the matter of fixing the rate, for our reunion, had refused to allow the rate asked for, but had fixed it at one fare for the round trip, and would make no lower rate. The local committee made an urgent appeal to the Railroad Committee for a reconsideration, and it appears this was done, as that committee reported, that after consideration, it affirmed its former decision. Thereupon, the local committees held a joint meeting and in a series of resolutions asking further consideration of our application, and stating that if it was not acceded to by the 15th inst, it would become our duty to call the reunion off. The reply was a refusal to grant our terms, and reaffirming former decision. It now only remains to notify the members, reluctantly as we may be to do so, that in consideration of the standing of this society, the territory embraced, the number and character of its members, the influence, if accepted by us, on future meetings affecting this entire community, and more particularly the unjust discrimination against the old soldiers, as what we ask for in their behalf has been granted to other organizations—determined the promoters of the meeting to adopt the alternative presented by declaring the reunion off for 1898. This notice is sent to you that you may be enabled to place the responsibility for the failure where it belongs.

"Regretting this lame and impotent conclusion, we remain,

"Respectfully yours,

"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

"Per C. J. RAWLING, Chairman."

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

It was another warm day.

Races this afternoon at the state fair grounds.

Persons desiring Labor Day privileges should see A. W. Rader, at the Grand Opera House billiard parlors.

The South Penn's well No. 3 M. C. Sweeney, one mile east of Rutherford, W. Va., was shot and made twenty-seven barrels the first twelve hours.

Henry Powell, the Benwood boy injured by a street car last week, is making a strong fight for recovery at the City hospital. He may get well, but would likely be a cripple. His grit is remarkable.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling People Abroad.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue N. B. Scott arrived in the city yesterday from the national capital. He is here on a business trip. Last night Mr. Scott was the guest of Postmaster George Wise, at Leatherwood.

Editor W. S. Wiley, of New Martinsville, is at the Windsor.

Judge S. V. Matthews, of Huntington, yesterday registered at the McClure.

O. C. Garland, of Ross, and J. W. Dawkins, of Ripley, yesterday registered at the Howell.

J. G. St. Clair and wife, of Grafton, and Mrs. Downs, of Downs, were Sunday registers at the Stamm.

Collector of Internal Revenue A. B. White came up from Parkersburg yesterday, and is a guest of the McClure.

J. R. Cunningham, of Manington, and D. A. Bartlett, of Sistersville, were

## IN MEMORIAM.

Shield of Honor held its Annual Memorial Exercises.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS HONORED

BY THE FOUR LOCAL LODGES SUNDAY MORNING, AT THE CHAPLINE STREET M. E. CHURCH—MEMORIAL SERMON BY REV. WILLIAM ANDERSON. VERY TASTEFUL CHURCH DECORATIONS AND APPROPRIATE MUSIC—NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

The annual memorial exercises of the local lodges of the Shield of Honor were held yesterday morning at the Chapline street M. E. church, and attracted almost the entire membership of the order in this city. There are four lodges in Wheeling, which with their friends filled the church to its utmost capacity. Chairs were placed in the aisles, yet many people were forced to stand throughout the very interesting services.

The church services began at 10:30 and continued until 11:45 o'clock. Previous to entering the church there was a short parade, the South Side lodges coming up town for Zane lodge No. 1, which was met at Odd Fellows' hall. Thence the column moved to the church. There were two bands in the parade, Mayer's and the Wheeling City, both of which played appropriate music along the line of march.

The Chapline street choir had prepared a special programme of music, and the singing was unusually fine. One part of the church was reserved for the lodges, and the floral decorations, which were commented on for their tasteful arrangement, were the work of Brother Ed O'Neal, of Leatherwood.

The programme opened with an overture by Mayer's band, after which followed the singing of an ode by the lodges. Then came prayer by the church pastor, Rev. William Anderson, the scripture lesson, and the congregational singing of "America."

The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. William Anderson, and it was singularly appropriate to beneficial orders, such as the Shield of Honor. The text chosen was First Timothy, chapter 5, and verse 8: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

The four leading principles of the Shield of Honor were enunciated. These principles are as follows:

First, belief in a Supreme Being.

Second, encouragement of the social, moral and intellectual development of members.

Third, to be primarily a beneficial and fraternal organization.

Fourth, the lodges do not aim to take the place of the church.

These points Rev. Mr. Anderson addressed, and elaborated on at length. His sermon was a splendid effort, and intensely listened to by the large assembly. After the prayer, and another ode, the congregation was dismissed with the benediction by the pastor.

The names of the deceased members of the Shield of Honor of this city are as follows:

Zane Lodge No. 1—Joseph P. North,

## AT THE ASSEMBLY.

Addresses on Sunday by Messrs. Woolley and Bain that Pleaded Large Audiences.

Both were in Advocacy of Prohibition.

To-day is the last day of the Ohio Valley Prohibition Assembly. The meetings of yesterday were attended by very large audiences and much enthusiasm prevailed. In the morning the exercises were opened at 9 o'clock by the annual love feast. Following this, Mr. John G. Woolley delivered his first address. He took for his text the seventeenth verse of the twelfth chapter of Romans, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

He announced that he intended speaking straight to the point and he hoped he would offend none. Prohibition is not only Christian, he said in his opening, but political as well. The planks of this platform of the Prohibition party are made of the following: Thou shalt not steal and thou shalt not kill. The other parties, when they say that they don't do either do not tell the truth.

On this subject I want to say that one who takes things belonging to another is a thief and whoever carries away another's property, steals a child or a woman's happiness is a thief and it is larceny. We do not fully understand this question, but I say to you that is that and that is all you can make out of it.

In this land it has been said that the prohibitionists say they are better than any other party. This charge is unfounded, for the prohibition party stands for right and does not look down on any act which is for God.

We have an enemy which is stronger than Spain and it is the liquor traffic. Let our people take up this cause and all prohibitionists will stand by the President who can teach Spain that after 400 years she has discovered America, and the world America defined means manhood for all her citizens. Let all necessary articles be taxed and I will pay my share for the freedom of Cuba.

Why do the saloons hold the right of way in politics? Ignorance of our people is the cause and we should wake to this terrible truth. We can drive out this liquor traffic and it remains for us to do it.

"The time will soon be here when the Christian people will take a stand in this matter and have the courage to drive out this infernal drink traffic."

The matter with the country to-day is the Christian voter. He votes for his party and encourages the liquor traffic. I say to you that the man who will be true to his wife and child and church and the teachings of God, has to be a member of the Prohibition party.

Practical politics is also concerned in this issue. It is a business trade when you trade at a store, if you don't see what you are after you ask for it. Your storekeeper knows the quality of goods you want and he keeps them. If he be a dishonest man his store will betray the fact. They always keep just what you want and trade with you accordingly. The same rule applies to our government. The politicians pass laws that they know the people will stand and in voting for those people we encourage just such acts."

In closing he said he was for the truth, win or lose, for what you put in the ballot box you get out of it.

For the afternoon Colonel George W. Bain entertained a very large audience. He spoke on "The Safe Side of Life for Young Men." The lecture was very appropriate and those present took home many points, which will be useful to them. He said he did think that every man who drank would become a drunkard, but he did urge that every man be for total abstinence. Drunk-

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1:15 a. m. The nineteenth century woman, Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow.

2:30 p. m. Lecture by Col. G. W. Bain.

8 p. m. Lecture by John G. Woolley, followed by closing exercises.

## A DEMOREST CONTEST.

There will be a Demorest gold medal contest at the Prohibition Assembly hall to-morrow night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Moundville, have arranged for this contest and Mr. Bodley has kindly donated the use of the hall for that evening. The following will fight for the medal: Minnie Hood, Bertha Doherty, Minnie Hood, Mrs. W. H. Williams and Master Willie Beam, of Moundville; Miss Hallie Martin, of Baywood, and Miss Kate Von Han, of Shadyside, Ohio. Plenty of excellent music has been arranged for and those who attend will be certain to have a good time.

## BOOKS FOR LIBRARY.

Many New Volumes Placed on the Shelves of the Public Library.

The following new volumes placed on the shelves at the public library, are reported by Miss A. B. Wilson, the librarian:

Armies of To-day.

Bell's Cathedral Series—Norwich.

Bell's Cathedral Series—Peterborough.

Brooks, E. S.—Son of the Revolution.

Burton, J. B.—Across the Salt Seas.

Cambridge, A.—Mater Familias.

Churchill, W.—The Celebrity.

Conrad, Jos.—Children of the Sea.

Curry, S. M.—Constitutional Government in Spain.

Davis, R. H.—King's Jackal.

Ebers, G.—Archae.

Ford, P. L.—The Federalist.

Fowler, W. W.—Julius Caesar.

Gardner, A.—Julian the Philosopher.

Gilman, H.—Hassan, a Fellow.

Gray, Felix.—The Terror.

Griffis, W. E.—The Pilgrims in Their Three Homes.

Kenyon, F. G.—Letters of E. B. Brown.

MacLay, E. S.—Reminiscences of the Old Navy.

MacLay, E. S.—History of China.

McLennan, B.—Voyage of the Mayflower.

Mulhall, M. G.—Dictionary of Statistics.

Pemberton, Max.—Kronstadt.

Pontagnard, Chevalier de—French Volunteer in the War of Independence.

Rudolf, W.—Style.

Smith, Mrs. E. T.—A Handful of Silver.

Stannard, H. E.—The Peacemakers.

Stevens, G. W.—With the Conquering Turk.

Story, A. T.—Building of the British Empire.

Ward, Mrs. H.—Hebick of Bannisdale.

Wichouse, H. R.—Sacrifice of a Throne.

Willert, P. F.—Henry of Navarre and the Huguenots of France.

Wratlaw, A. H.—John Hus.

Young, E.—Grand Tactics of Chess.

Young and Howell—Minor Tactics of Chess.

## CIVIC FEDERATION

Will Discuss the Future Foreign Policy of this Country.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The Civic Federation of Chicago to-night gave out a call for a national conference to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 13 and 20, to discuss the future foreign policy of the United States. The call is signed by over 1,000 representative men from every state in the union. The call says:

"The undersigned deem it desirable that a national conference be convened at an early day to consider the future foreign policy of the United States. The war with Spain gives promise of the overthrow of Spanish power in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the others of that country's colonial possessions. The question of what disposition the United States should make of these possessions when peace is reached is none too soon in engaging the thought of our people. This question impresses us being one of the most serious the American people have had to consider. It is a new question and one upon which heretofore very little thought has been bestowed by the great majority of our people. Whether the foreign policy of the 'father' should be adhered to or departed from, is enough to challenge the most serious consideration of our ablest and most thoughtful men. 'In our opinion, this conference should be composed of men from all parts of the country without regard to party affiliations and irrespective of whether they are for or against a policy of territorial expansion and men whose ability, position and character entitle their opinions to the respectable consideration of the people.'

The circular letter sent out by Chairman Henry Wade Rogers and Secretary Ralph M. Easley, asking for signatures, stated that neither the genesis nor conduct of the war would be discussed nor any political cast be given the proceedings, the object being entirely educational. The responses were prompt and enthusiastic. The signers consist of governors, mayors, presidents of boards of trade, presidents of colleges, lawyers, presidents of banks, labor leaders, leading clergymen and manufacturers. While only individual names were asked for, a great many organizations authorized their presidents to sign officially. Among the signatures are the following:

Indianapolis, Ind.—James A. Mount, governor.

Philadelphia—John H. Converse; J. F. McBride, secretary National Labor Organization.

Pittsburgh—George A. Kelly, vice president chamber of commerce.



BREAKING UP CAMP FOR PORTO RICO AT CAMP THOMAS.

The boys at Camp Thomas are greatly encouraged over the orders received from Washington that they are to be the first troops to go on the Porto Rican expedition. The camp has been broken, and they are on their way to Jacksonville, where they will join General Miles and then be transported to Porto Rico.

among last night's arrivals at the Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Marsh and daughter and Mrs. M. Lantz and son are spending the summer in the mountains.

Miss Mabel Smith, of Bridgeport, has returned after an extended visit with friends from Cleveland, who have been camping on the lake.

## NEAR THE HUNDRED MARK.

The weather yesterday was oppressively hot. At 12:30 p. m. the Schnepf thermometer reached the 93½ mark, the record for the day, and at 7 o'clock it was not appreciably cooler. To-day's weather forecast, if one is to put faith in the weather report as it came literally from the bureau last night, it calls for "thunder showers."

## Cos In Fire at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, July 24.—At an early hour this morning the car barn of the Consolidated Traction Company at Frankstown and Penn avenues, was completely gutted by fire, entailing a loss of about \$175,000, well covered by insurance. The flames originated in some mysterious manner in the paint shop and before the employees and firemen could clear the barn thirty-six of the fifty cars in the building were destroyed. Nothing but the walls of the building remained.

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Eureka Lodge No. 3—J. W. Batchley, J. N. Rush, J. Krusch.

Wheeling Lodge No. 7—William Sorg.

## A Hung Jury.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 24.—No verdict was rendered to-day by the jury in the case of United States Senator Kenner, who is charged with aiding and abetting Teller Boggs in the embezzlement of the funds of the First National Bank of Dover. The jury retired on Friday. Judge Bradford went to the court house this afternoon and again this evening, but received no word from the jury.

## The Hero of Peace.

DAYTON, O., July 24.—While playing along the river bank to-day Harmon Nicklas, aged eight, fell into the water. His brother Louis, fourteen, jumped in to save him but the drowning boy clung him with a terrible grasp and both went to the bottom and were drowned. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

ards are made from model drinkers and no drunkards are made from those who are for total abstinence.

To the young men who drink, but not to excess he urged them to quit, take the pledge, and he would guarantee that when they were as old as he they would never regret it. Drink no intoxicating liquors for it is against the laws of God.

There are many young men who say, "I drink, but I can stop when I please." They keep on drinking, though, and it ends in their being debauched.

He spoke of Frances Willard; she was fifty-nine years of age when she died, but she did so much work that it seemed a century that she lived.

He endorsed John G. Woolley's speech of the morning and complimented him on speaking so plain. He spoke of Miss Christina Bradley and thanked God that a woman used water instead of champagne in christening the Kentucky.

In closing he made a direct appeal to all young men to become total abstainers and lead an honest upright life.

In the evening a platform meeting was held. The speakers were Messrs. Bain, Woolley, Mead and others, and a very large audience was present.

This afternoon Colonel George W. Bain delivered his lecture entitled, "Uncle Sam and the Queen Regent, or Lessons from the War With Spain." The full programme for the day is as follows:

9:30 a. m. Bible reading, Miss Lizzie Boyd, Wheeling.

10 a. m. Unfermented wine at sacrament, Mrs. Oscar Wright, Moundsville.

10:30 a. m. Universal suffrage, from a

## MISS SCHLEY'S MISSION

Is Suddenly Interrupted by Her Father's Sitter Judgment.

MADRID, July 24, via Paris.—Miss Jessie Schley, delegate from the Peace Society of Paris has arrived at Madrid, with the intention, it is asserted, of interviewing members of the cabinet with a "humanitarian object."

Miss Jessie Schley referred to in the foregoing dispatch is the daughter of Charles Schley, of Milwaukee, who is a cousin of Commodore Schley. She is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. It was announced from Paris last week that she was about to start for Madrid to see the queen regent and Senor Sagasta with a view to bringing about peace and then to proceed to Washington to visit President McKinley in the same interest.

Last Friday the Milwaukee Sentinel announced that Miss Schley's father, had instructed her to return home immediately, disapproving her course and excusing it as the result of a warm, sympathetic nature and a special enthusiasm for philanthropic and peace movements.

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